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## **MEMORANDUM**

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July 8, 2003

TO:

Waimanalo Irrigation System Water Users

FROM:

KRandy Teruya, Agricultural Asset Manager

SUBJECT: PHASE II, Water Conservation

The Waimanalo Irrigation System is experiencing a very low storage supply of water in the reservoir. This is attributed to prolonged drought conditions and diminished rainfall in Maunawili Valley. The present reservoir level is 33 feet, which is approximately 39% below last year's storage levels at this time of year. Rainfall projections for the balance of summer is not very encouraging and normal rainfall is not expected to occur.

The on-going hot, low-rainfall summer has taxed the irrigation system's ability to store a sufficient level of water in the reservoir. Therefore, pursuant to section 4-150-4, Hawaii Administrative Rules Governing Irrigation System Service to Consumers of the Waimanalo Irrigation System ("HAR"), and effective July 21, 2003, the Waimanalo Irrigation System will implement a <a href="Phase II">Phase II</a>, Water Conservation Plan requiring mandatory 20% reduction in water consumption.

In addition to the 20% mandatory reduction in water consumption, irrigation water will be distributed Mondays to Fridays, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

It is imperative that you take measures to prepare yourselves before the situation becomes critical; consider curtailing plantings and, if necessary, use of the Board of Water Supply system.

Please be reminded that, pursuant to section 4-150-12, HAR, those water customers who are thirty (30) days delinquent in their account(s) may not receive water service and the meter may be removed to prevent further use.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (808) 973-9378.

- c: S. Kunimoto, Chairperson, Board of Agriculture
  - J. Saneishi, PIO